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9 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director


SUBJECT : Admiral La Rocque and Group

Admiral La Rocque once told me that he had visited the Soviet Union. Some remarks he made there were twisted all around when published. He seemed astonished. I view him as naive.

I have taken advice on the matter of briefing his group. Ed Proctor feels that many of the people on the board of advisors of the Center have taken positions against various U.S. military programs and may be against Agency programs as well, particularly with respect to covert action. Ed says discussions with them would certainly be a challenge but, nevertheless, we should brief them and you should talk with them for a few minutes.

I believe these people are funded by the same people who fund the anti-Agency Center for National Security Studies. Both, I'd suspect, live in part on the largess of Mr. Stewart Mott.

I certainly think the briefing and your appearance will be an adversary undertaking. My feeling is that this is a non-winner for us.


Angus MacLean Thuermer

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*Ps: If you agree with above, I'll ask
Mott to send a "thanks but no thanks"
letter on your behalf.*

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Center For Defense Information

March 2, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear George:

The board of advisors of the Center for Defense Information will conduct its annual meeting this year in Washington, D. C. on April 22nd and 23rd. My advisors have expressed a strong desire to receive a briefing about CIA. They are interested in how the agency perceives its role in our open society.

The Center for Defense Information and its board of advisors are proponents of a strong but not excessive national defense posture. Members of the advisory board are knowledgeable about intelligence policies and are concerned about the continuing capability of the agency in carrying out its functions.

As successful and sensible businessmen, they also are very concerned with the state of our domestic economy, and the continued rise in costs of weapons, people, and intelligence operations. A visit to the CIA by the board of advisors and the senior staff associates of the Center will contribute to a better understanding of the agency's position.

The Center for Defense Information prepares analyses of Defense Department policies, spending and weapons systems. These analyses are made from a national point of view rather than from the perspective of any one individual service. The

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results of the Center's analyses at times have been at variance with some of the Pentagon's recommendations. Perhaps you have some knowledge of our past positions on defense issues from our publication the Defense Monitor. Several issues are enclosed.

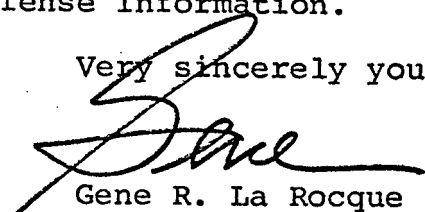
Last year my board and I received an excellent briefing from Assistant Secretary of Defense as Secretary Schlesinger's schedule made it impossible for him to meet with us. This year the Pentagon is arranging another briefing for us and if his schedule permits, we expect to have a few minutes with Secretary Rumsfeld.

A short talk by you will be very helpful to the group and in the long run a benefit to the nation. If possible, we would like to arrive at your headquarters at 1100 on 23 April following our 0900 meeting in the Pentagon. I know that the important work you do and your tight schedule keep you busy. The board would greatly appreciate it, however, if you could find time to talk to them and take a few questions. These board members are highly respected citizens with about equal representation from both of our major political parties.

My deputy, Brigadier General Bertram Gorwitz, or I will be pleased to discuss any details with Lieutenant General Walters or anyone you designate if it is convenient for the agency to provide a briefing.

Enclosed is a copy of the names of the board of advisors and the senior staff associates of the Center for Defense Information.

Very sincerely yours,



Gene R. La Rocque
Rear Admiral USN (Ret.)
Director

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p>Attached for your information is a copy of the "thank you" letter I received from Admiral La Rocque regarding my session with his organization.</p> <p>The subject of the session was CIA's perception of its role in national security policy. My prepared remarks on the subject lasted about 30 minutes, and we then had about an hour for questions.</p> <p>I felt the session went very smoothly. They listened and asked very proper questions. We disagreed on a few subjects, like whether the US Government should carry out covert action programs.</p> <p>[redacted] was present and is preparing a memorandum for the record on what went on.</p> <p>[redacted] Ed Proctor</p>			
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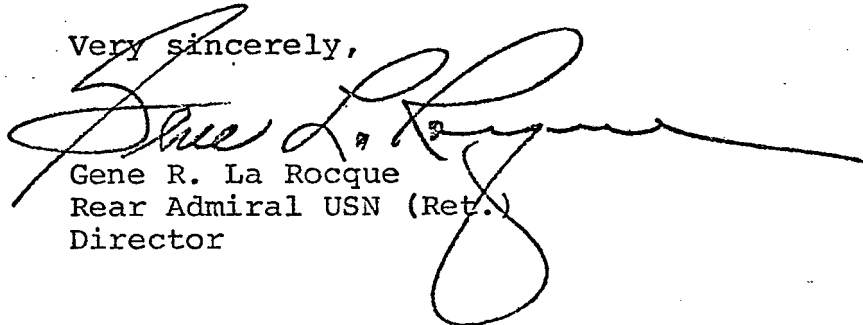
The Honorable Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Proctor:

You were most gracious to provide the excellent briefing to the Board of the Center for Defense Information. The Board members asked me to express their appreciation to you and to tell you they have a much better idea now of what the CIA does. They were all very impressed.

I would like to add my personal thanks to you and my best wishes for success.

Very sincerely,



Gene R. La Rocque
Rear Admiral USN (Ret.)
Director

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*The Board is sending a
small atlas to you.*

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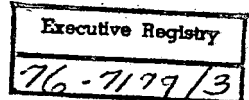
Again, thanks for taking this on. It obviously was a useful session.

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Center For Defense Information

April 26, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear George:

You were kind to arrange for a briefing and exchange of views by your Deputy Director, Mr. Edward Proctor on April 23rd for the Board of the Center for Defense Information.

Deputy Proctor gave a full, useful and informative presentation which will be very helpful to me and the Board members in reaching decisions on these important military matters.

The members of the Board asked me to express their appreciation to you and to Deputy Director Proctor for your cooperation and willingness to participate in this dialog.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to you for making the meeting possible.

Very sincerely,

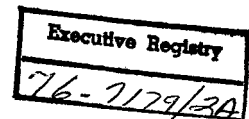
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Gene R. La Rocque
Rear Admiral USN (Ret.)
Director

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It was a good session.



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Admiral Gene R. La Rocque
Center for Defense Information
122 Maryland Ave. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Gene:

Thank you for your letter of March 22. We will be glad to have a presentation for your group on April 23 on how the Agency perceives its role in the national security process. I am afraid, however, that classification problems will bar any useful discussion of the relationship between defense spending and threat perception. We will, of course, leave time for a question and answer session.

We would appreciate receiving, at least ten days in advance, a list of your members who will be attending the session. We will need their dates and places of birth so that we can make a nominal security check. As you probably know, Agency rules prohibit the inclusion of any aliens in such briefings.

I also want to be sure that you agree to our ground rules for a briefing of this nature: no cameras, no tape recorders, no note-taking and no publicity before or after the briefing. It is strictly on background for you and your Board of Advisors, and is not for further dissemination.

Again, I'm sorry that I will not be able to be with you on the 23rd. If you have questions about the scheduling or

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Sincerely,

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George Bush
Director

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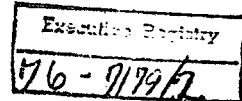
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March 15, 1976

Dear Gene,

Thank you for your recent letter. It is my present intention to be out of Washington on Friday, April 23rd, and thus I will not be able to have a meeting with your group. I am confident we can arrange some kind of briefing at the Agency along the lines of the one you received from the Assistant Secretary of Defense at DoD last year.

I'm sorry I won't be able to be with you, but if you would like someone else to do the briefing, please let me know what subjects would be of particular interest and I'll try to work it out.

Yours very truly,



George Bush

Admiral Gene R. La Rocque
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Mr. Doron Bar-Levav
Center for Defense Information
122 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Bar-Levav:

The following is in response to your letter of 8 November 1974 regarding members of personnel in this Agency involved in arms control matters.

The CIA Act of 1949 exempts the Agency from releasing to the public information pertaining to its personnel and their assignments. In the interests of the security of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States, CIA has consistently adhered to this exemption.

Therefore, I regret we cannot comply with your request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Doron Bar-Levav
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Dear Mr. Bar-Levav:

Reference is made to your recent letter which requested a listing as to the numbers of Agency employees who are involved in arms control matters.

In terms of direct support to arms control negotiations, this Agency has approximately fifty officers who are working full or part time on these programs. As you might very well appreciate, we are unable to be more specific concerning the manpower assigned to particular projects.

In addition to the above, there are a number of analysts working in the international political/military area who are frequently tasked to provide appraisals or assessments on arms control related matters as part of their normal research activities. Quite frankly, this indirect and occasional direct support cannot be quantified because it is not possible to segregate these activities which are an integral part of their regular work assignments. This work is based on ad hoc requirements.

Please be assured that we have looked into this matter in some detail, and it is hoped that this information will be helpful in your research.

Sincerely,

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Angus Thuermer
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

We are conducting research regarding the detailed breakdown of personnel outside of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency who are involved in arms control issues. We are interested in determining, if possible:

—the number of people in your agency that are assigned to arms control matters.

—the extent, timewise, to which the individuals in your agency devote to these issues: either more or less than half time.

—the particular arms control talks that these individuals are concerned with, be it SALT, MBFR, NPT, CCD, UNGA, or Red Cross.

We believe it important to determine who makes up the arms control community and would appreciate any help you can give us on this matter. Please address all replies to me in care of the Center. Our new address is:

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122 Maryland Avenue N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Thank you very much,

Doron Bar-Levav
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